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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PFOR, LA

SUBJECT: JCRC- SEARCH FOR MIA' S IN LAOS

REF: A. VIENTIANE 2898; B. VIENTIANE 2973

1. WE SHARE YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT AT LPF' S APPARENTLY
NEGATIVE POSITION AS REPORTED BY SOTH TO MRS. WEISSEN-
BACH (REF B). NEVERTHELESS, WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND
EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO LPF THE URGENCY WHICH
USG ATTACHES TO EARLY ACTION ON MIA' S.
2. IF AND WHEN YOU ARE ABLE TO GIVE THEM AN AIDE MEMOIR
(AS ENVISAGED PARA FOUR REF A), WE SUGGEST YOU DRAW
CONNECTION BETWEEN SENATOR BROOKE' S PROPOSAL AND JCRC,
MAKING POINT THAT JCRC IN CONJUNCTION WITH ICRC AND THE
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TWO SIDES WOULD BE APPROPRIATE WAY TO CARRY OUT
ARTICLE 5 OF LAOS AGREEMENT, ALONG LINES ENVISAGED BY
SENATOR BROOKE. WE HOPE JCRC WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY
OUT ACTUAL SEARCH MISSIONS IN LAOS SOON

3. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE EFFORTS, YOU SHOULD ALSO RAISE
SUBJECT OF THE TWO THAI CAPTURED IN LAOS WHO CONTINUE
TO BE HELD BY DRV (CHAICHAN HARNAVEE AND NAPADOM WANG
CHOM). THEIR CONTINUED DETENTION HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY
RETURNED US PW' S WHO WERE HELD WITH THEM IN NVN.

4. USG RAISED THIS AT PRIVATE MEETING WITH DRVDEL TO
FPJMT APRIL 17 (USDEL FPJMT 171045 Z APR 73), ELICITING
DRV GENERAL STATEMENT THAT ALL FOREIGN AND US PW HAD
BEEN RELEASED. THIS STATEMENT UNACCEPTABLE IN VIEW
OF FACTS ABOUT THE TWO THAI REPORTED BY RETURNEES
(E. G., COL. JOHN P. FLYNN, CAPT. JEREMIAH A. DENTON,
CAPT. JAMES A. MULLIGAN) TO EFFECT THAT HARNAVEE AND
WANG CHOM REMAINED IN DETENTION IN NVN WHEN LAST SEEN.
SINCE THEY WERE INITIALLY LOST AND WE ASSUME CAPTURED
IN LAOS, WE CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE FOR USG OFFICIALS
TO ASK LPF ALSO ABOUT THEM.

5. HAS LPF RESPONDED TO YOUR QUERIES ABOUT HRDLICKA
AND DEBRUIN? PORTER

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